

# SANITARY COMMISSION.

No. 9.

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The Commission require exact information upon the following points :

## HYGIENE.

1. What is the situation of the fort, camp, or barracks in which you are stationed? What is the character of the surrounding country? What diseases are peculiar to the locality, so far as known?
- (a) Is the camp situated upon level ground or upon a declivity, and what are the provisions for drainage in wet weather?
- (b) What is the character of the subsoil?
- (c) Are there any swamps or marshes, if so, at what distance, and in what direction, and what are the prevalent winds?
2. Was the position occupied selected for military reasons only, or was its salubrity taken into consideration?
3. What is the number of regiments in and about the fort or camp? When did each regiment arrive, and in what condition as to clothing, health, &c.?
4. Draw a fair and impartial comparison between the different regiments in point of equipments, as to clothing, and between their relative sanitary condition. State the causes of the differences observed, if any.
5. Give the ages of the men, so far as can be ascertained, and their previous occupations and place of enlistment.

6. Have strict physical examinations been made in any cases before enlisting? What proportion of the applicants were rejected?
7. Has any order been received from head-quarters at Washington, relative to re-examination of new regiments and recruits, with the object of getting rid of men physically unfit for active military service?
8. If so, what proportion of re-inspected troops have been rejected?
9. What number of men in each regiment have been discharged from non-age or physical disability?
10. Have any general or special orders relating to the sanitary condition of the troops been received from head-quarters at Washington, or from the authorities of the State from which your regiment was sent? If so, what were those orders, and what changes or improvements were thereupon introduced?
11. Have the medical officers in your regiment organized a hospital department, with a steward, nurses, &c., ready for emergencies?
12. What is the number of surgeons and assistant surgeons in each regiment? How, and by whom were they appointed, and with what previous advantages and experience?
13. Is the regiment provided with ambulances, field stretchers, or other means of transporting the sick and wounded? State how many, how constructed, and by whom furnished.



14. By whom, and in what manner have medicines and surgical appliances been supplied? Is the regiment fully supplied with all articles needed for the use of the sick and wounded? What are the deficiencies, if any?
15. What are the direct effects of the climate, so far as observed? Have any special precautions been taken against sun-stroke, malaria, and the use of improper food or drinks?
16. What style of tents is in use, and what provisions have been adopted for their ventilation and dryness? How many men are quartered in each tent?
17. Are there sinks or privies in the fort, barrack, or camp, sufficient for the wants of the men, and if so, are they deodorized, and in what manner, and how often? Are there separate sinks for the hospital patients, and are special precautions taken for their frequent disinfection? Are the men restricted to the use of these privies?
18. Are soldiers obliged to obey any rules of personal cleanliness, such as bathing, frequent change and cleansing of under clothing?
19. Have the troops been re-vaccinated thoroughly and successfully? By whom, and under what orders?
20. How much varioloid or small-pox has occurred, and what means are taken to prevent either from spreading?
21. How much has measles prevailed? Is its type severe or mild? What have been the sequelæ of measles?
22. What other diseases have appeared, and what has been their character and causes? How far have parasites, as

lice, fleas, &c., infested the troops, and what means have been taken to eradicate them?

23. How many deaths have occurred thus far, and from what causes? How have the dead been interred, at what depths, and at what distance from camp?
24. Have the troops any games or amusements, and have any means been taken to promote cheerfulness?
25. What disinfecting agents are employed in the soldier's quarters, and what in the hospitals? How often, and in what quantities have they been used? What means have been adopted for the cleansing of the tents and quarters?

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#### FOOD, &c.

26. What rations are used in the regiments? Please to answer in detail, stating the kind of food, and its quantity and quality.
27. Are fresh vegetables purchased and supplied to the men when they can be obtained? Have the men, under the present regulations, a sufficient supply of vegetable food? Have any cases of scurvy occurred?
- 27 a. Is the system of supplying fresh vegetables through the agency of the company fund successfully applied, and does it effect the object contemplated by the army regulations?
- 27 b. Have extra issues of anti-scorbutics, fresh vegetables, rice, &c., been required for the health of the troops as allowed by regulations on recommendation of a medical officer?



28. Have dried fruits of any kind been supplied to the men?  
If so, how often, and in what quantities?
29. How often is fresh meat supplied, and in what quantity?
30. Is the water used for drinking of good quality, and from what source is it obtained?
31. Have the medicines been of good quality, and well selected?  
Have the hospital stores been sufficient in quantity and of good quality?
32. To what extent is the spirit ration issued, and what spirits are used?
33. How many cooks are there in each regiment, and in what manner were they appointed.
34. In what manner is the food prepared, and with what apparatus is the cooking performed?
35. How is the bread prepared and baked? Is yeast used or prepared flour? Are crackers or biscuits issued with the rations?

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### CLOTHING.

36. What is the uniform of each regiment, and by whom and how was it supplied to the men: Answer in detail.
37. What underclothes are worn by the men, and how many changes have the men? Is flannel worn next the skin, and to what extent?

38. What deficiencies exist as to clothing, shoes, &c.
39. Are the men provided with blankets or overcoats? Have they India-rubber cloths to put under their blankets when lying upon the ground?

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### CAMP POLICE.

40. How far from the camp are the horses picketed? How far from the camp are the cattle placed? What disposition is made of their manure?
41. At what distance from the camp are the cattle slaughtered, and what disposition is made of the offal?
42. Is there any special place for refuse food and slops, and are soldiers confined to the use of such place?
43. Are there trenches around the tents for drainage?
44. Do these communicate with a general drain?
45. How is the water thus collected disposed of?

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